



# The Rapture

Titus 2:11-13, Mark 13:33-36

# The Timing Of The Rapture

- NO ONE knows the day or the hour of Jesus' return for the church, except God the Father.
- Bible prophecy shows we are rapidly moving closer and closer to that day.
- God has set a specific day and a specific hour when the rapture will happen.
- We do not know that moment, but God does, and, when it does happen, it will happen unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

# The Signs of The Times

- The signs of our generation are so obvious that it is impossible to miss them.
- These prophetic signs are God's supernatural warning system that the end is near
- These signs include:
  - The rise of a New World Order of globalization and a 10 Kingdom Empire.
  - Antichrist type technology for a one world economy and government.
- There is a massive convergence of signs that are all happening with an explosive force all over the world.

# When Will The Rapture Happen

- There are three views regarding the timing of the Rapture:
  - The post-tribulation rapture where the church will endure the entire seven-year tribulation and then be raptured.
  - The mid-tribulation rapture which will take place at the mid-point of the tribulation, but before the great tribulation.
  - The pre-tribulation rapture that will happen before the seven-year tribulation.

# The Pre-Tribulation Rapture

- The pre-tribulation rapture is the only view that allows for the rapture to happen at any moment in time.
- The rapture is an imminent event meaning that it can happen at any moment.
- In the mid-tribulation rapture, and the post-tribulation rapture there is no sudden return of Jesus.
- Nowhere in scripture, are we told to stop looking for Jesus and to watch for the antichrist.
- The word “church” is not mentioned at all in Revelation chapters 5-18 because the church is already in heaven.
- In chapters 4-5 of Revelation, the saints are before the throne of God, before Jesus is given the scrolls of the seven seals that start the wrath of God.

# Examples of The Rapture In The Bible

- Enoch being immediately transported to heaven without experiencing death is a beautiful picture of the rapture.
- Elijah did not experience death but was instantly transported to heaven in a chariot of fire is another example of a rapture.
- God preserved Noah and his family by removing them from the threat of His wrath.
- God also spared Lot and his family from the wrath that He poured out against Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Those who are in Christ will be removed from this earth before the final days of God's wrath.

# Conclusion

- God has appointed a day and hour for the rapture.
- God in His awesome grace is currently restraining the spirit of lawlessness, to give people more opportunities to repent and to receive God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- Bible prophecy tells us we are living in the final days of the church age.
- Do not be caught sleeping when Jesus returns, as the rapture is coming, and it is drawing closer every day.